

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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SUPERVISION OF STANDARDS OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have four regional laboratories to maintain, watch and supervision and control over the standards of drugs being used in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether these laboratories are required to be upgraded; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) Central Government drug laboratories are functioning at Chennai, Ghaziabad, Kolkatta and Mumbai. These laboratories test the quality of drugs samples sent by the State and Central Government drugs officials as well as samples of imported drugs sent by the Port Officers. The Central Drugs Laboratory at Kolkatta is notified as appellate laboratory for drugs whereas Central Indian Pharmacopoeial Laboratory, Ghaziabad and Central Drugs Testing Laboratory, Mumbai are notified as appellate laboratories for condoms and IUDs respectively. Central Indian Pharmacopoeial Laboratory, Ghaziabad also undertakes preparation of monographs for the Indian Pharmacopoeia.

Government is also setting up three regional drugs testing laboratories at Chandigarh, Hyderabad and Guwahati respectively.

Sophisticated drugs testing equipment worth Rs. 1.25 crore have been provided to these Central Laboratories during 1997-2000. Additional testing equipment worth about Rs. four crore are being purchased in the current financial year.